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## Possible Amendments to the FY2005 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act (H.R. 5006)

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The following are potential amendments. Under the open rule (H.Res. 754), new amendments may be offered without notice (although the rule does give priority to those amendments that were pre-printed in the *Congressional Record*). Under the rules of the House, the bill will be read for amendment by paragraph. If your boss is considering offering an amendment, please forward the **text** and talking points to: [paul.teller@mail.house.gov](mailto:paul.teller@mail.house.gov).

### Amendments Pre-Filed in the Congressional Record:

**Tancredo #1:** Prohibits the use of funds to pay the salaries and expenses of employees to carry out the provisions of Section 1011 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003. Section 1011 of the Act (P.L. 108-173) provided \$1 billion for illegal alien health care.

**Garrett #2:** Prohibits funds from being used to send or otherwise pay for the attendance of more than 50 federal employees at any single conference outside of the United States.

**Paul #3:** Prohibits funds from being used to create or implement any new universal mental health screening program.

**Jackson-Lee #4:** Increases funds for National Center for Health Statistics surveys by \$2.5 million, increases funds for the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities by \$1.5 million, and decreases funds for abstinence education grants by \$4 million.

### Other Possible Amendments:

**Obey:** Prohibits funds from being used to enforce the Department of Labor's new overtime regulations.

**Johnson (CT):** Increases funds for health information technology by \$25 million and reduces funds for Occupational Safety and Health Administration salaries and expenses by \$25 million.

**Hooley:** Increases funds for the Department of Labor's Veterans Employment and Training Program (specifically for a nationwide education and public relations campaign) by \$5

million and reduces funds for the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Secretary (General Departmental Management) by \$5 million.

**Unknown Sponsor:** Strikes provisions from the base bill that protect health care providers from being forced to provide, pay for, or refer for abortions.

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